AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The following is a copy of Applicants' specification that identifies language being added with underlining ("___") and language being deleted with strikethrough ("—"), as is applicable.

Please make the following amendments to the specification:

In paragraph [020]:

It should be appreciated that the network topologies illustrated in FIGs. 1A and 1B are provided purely for purposes of illustration and are not to be construed as limiting upon the operating environment of the present invention. Indeed, as will be appreciated from the description herein, the present invention is applicable to a wide variety of network topologies. Further, network communications, addressing mechanisms and methodologies, state maintenance, intranetwork communications, and other mechanisms and implementation details are known, and therefore persons skilled in the art will understand the utilization of such mechanisms and methodologies in the implementation of the concept and features of the present invention described herein. For example, one skilled in the art understands that a processing element node executes instructions, which may be stored in computer readable medium, to implement node processes.